

Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, December 20, 2013

A Board of Selectmen meeting was held on Friday, December 20, 2013 at 4:00 pm in Conference Room A of Town Hall; present were four selectpersons and the Town Administrator; Selectperson Wilkinson was not present.

4:00 Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports

Public Comment Period: Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, spoke about payment in lieu of taxes. He said there was an article in the Gloucester Times about the Town of Danvers, he questioned how much of the town is tax exempt. He requested that the board invite the Assessors in and asked that the board get information from the Finance Committee as well. The Town Administrator said that there is a pilot program of payment in lieu of taxes; the town is collecting all that we are allowed to collect. She said that the Rockport schools and town owned land don't generate tax revenue because the town doesn't pay itself taxes. She said St. John's Prep is a private school; that is a different situation. Chairperson Battistelli said sometimes in-kind contributions are made by some organizations. T. Arsenian said he is speaking about tax exempt organizations (Rockport Music, Rockport Art Assoc., churches, the yacht club, etc.).

Public Comment
Period

Action List

Appointment of Theresa Scatterday to the Economic Development Committee: postponed to a subsequent meeting.

Action List:

Appointment to
Economic
Development
Committee
Postponed

Appointment of Civilian Dispatchers: Lt. Schmink said the required guidelines from the Personnel Board were followed in this process. The positions were posted twice (10/5 and 10/13) and posted on the CJIS website. He said 50-60 applicants responded to fill the three full time positions. Previous training/experience was preferable. 10/16 was the deadline to submit an application or resume. The applications were reviewed based on the qualifications; five candidates were selected and interviewed. The interview committee consisted of the Chief of Police, Tom Delaney from the Personnel Board, Lt. Schmink and Sherry Naugler. The committee asked standard questions of each applicant and three finalists were selected. The three choices were unanimous among the members of the committee. The Town Administrator reviewed the recommendations. M. Vieira, in compliance with the hiring guidelines, interviewed the three candidates and was comfortable with the candidates. The orientation process will follow starting January 1, 2014. They will need uniforms and necessary equipment. Selectperson Murphy inquired if they will continue to cover intermittent shifts. M. Vieira said there are exemptions; 20(d) covers the two intermittent officers, 20(c) covers the third candidate and will be filed with the clerk. This will allow them to hold different roles within the town.

Appointment of
Civilian
Dispatchers

Dispatcher Exemption Forms:

Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the disclosure by a special municipal employee of financial interest in a municipal contract for Mary Edgerton pursuant to MGL Ch. 268A section 20(d), seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Dispatcher
Exemption Form
– Mary Edgerton
Motion Approved

Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the disclosure by a special municipal employee of financial interest in a municipal contract for Corbin Keating pursuant to MGL Ch. 268A section 20(d), seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

Dispatcher
Exemption Form
– Corbin Keating
Motion Approved

Appointment of
Mary Edgerton as
Civilian
Dispatcher
Motion Approved

Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mary Edgerton to the position of Civilian Dispatcher as an employee at-will effective January 1, 2014, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Appointment of
Corbin Keating as
Civilian
Dispatcher
Motion Approved

Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Corbin Keating to the position of Civilian Dispatcher as an employee at-will effective January 1, 2014, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

Appointment of
David Somers to
Civilian
Dispatcher
Motion Approved

Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint David Somers to the position of Civilian Dispatcher as an employee at-will effective January 1, 2014, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Nomination of
Matt Cegelis to
Open Space
Committee, no
vote taken

Nomination of Matt Cegelis to the Open Space and Recreation Committee: Selectperson Sheedy nominated Matt Cegelis as a member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, seconded by Selectperson Murphy; vote will be taken at subsequent meeting.

White Wharf
Reconstruction
Agreement
Motion Approved

White Wharf Reconstruction Agreement: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign an agreement with Tasco Construction, Inc. of 92 Stonybrook Road, Belmont, Massachusetts for the reconstruction of White Wharf for a price not to exceed \$134,900.00, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Stantec Consulting
for Dock Square
Odor Control
Agreement
Motion Approved

Dock Square Station Odor Control Agreement: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of 5 LAN Drive, Suite 300, Westford, Massachusetts to provide engineering services for Dock Square Station Odor Control for a price not to exceed \$37,000, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

AFSCME
Foremen and
Supervisor's
Agreement
Motion Approved

AFSCME Foremen & Supervisors Unit Memorandum of Agreement
Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the AFSCME Foremen and Supervisors Unit that amends their Collective Bargaining Agreement from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

AFSCME General
Unit Memorandum
of Agreement
Motion Approved

AFSCME General Unit Memorandum of Agreement
Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the AFSCME General Unit that amends their Collective Bargaining Agreement from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

Discussion Items:

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Draft Finance Plan
& Budget Message

Draft Finance Plan & Budget Message: The Town Administrator stated that the by-law requires the Board of Selectmen deliver a financial plan and budget message for both the operating and capital budget to the Finance Committee by the end of January. The Town Administrator said she will write up the final version; a vote can be taken on 1/21/14. The Town Administrator recommended that each board member individually send their thoughts to her about what they'd like to ask the Finance Committee. Chairperson Battistelli requested a list of fees and rents be submitted to the Board members. The school department will present at the 1/7/14 Board of Selectmen meeting. M. Vieira said the Superintendent sent out a link to a drop box that might be easier to view on line.

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, commented that in the CI Planning List, there was nothing for the building study committee. He said he is hoping that this year there will be some presentation and figures on a plan for buildings.

Other Business/Announcements: Chairperson Battistelli said the DPW crew has been working really hard over the last several days on storm related tasks. Selectperson Murphy said that Summer Street is a priority with kids walking to school at 7:30am; Jerden's Lane and Prospect Street are priorities as well. It was recommended maybe a delay in the start of school in the morning would be good in the future when it snows.

The Town Administrator said the town just received title to the property at 59 High Street. She said it will be added to the town's insurance and it should be decided if the board wants a warrant article for town meeting. It was discussed that the property is zoned as residential. It can be repurposed for something. The estate owes the town funds for taxes and hauling fees.

4:40 pm Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Warrant Signed:

Items Signed:

Special Municipal Employee Mary Edgerton
 Special Municipal Employee Corbin Keating
 Home Occupation permit Rowe Farm
 Lodging House License, Rocky Shores Inn
 Lodging House, King Street Inn
 Entertainment License Karen Herlitz – Rockport Music
 Innholder License, Seven South Street
 Innholder License, Cape Hedge Inn
 Innholder License, Local Yokel
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2004 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2003 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2006 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2003 Buick LeSabre
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2002 Buick LeSabre
 Taxicab, Jeff Young, 2003 Chrysler Town & Country
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, A&K Lighthouse Taxi, 2004 Buick LeSabre
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, A&D Lighthouse, 2003 Buick LeSabre
 Taxi cab, Adam Chin, 2005 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, 2002 Buick LeSabre
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, 2003 Buick LeSabre
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, 2005 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Adam, Chin, A&K, 2002 Dodge Caravan
 Taxicab, Adam Chin, 2004 Buick LeSabre
 Common Victualler's Lucky K&E, New Hong Kong Restaurant
 Common Victualler's, LoGrasso's Deli
 Common Victualler's, Cumberland Farms
 Common Victualler's, Helmut's Strudel
 Common Victualler's Rockport Music
 Common Victualler's Atlantic Pizza
 Common Victualler's Brackett's Ocean View
 White Wharf contract, not to exceed \$134,900
 Stantec Consulting, Dock Square odor control
 Memo of Agreement, AFSCME General Unit
 Memo of Agreement, AFSCME, Foremen and Supervisor's Unit